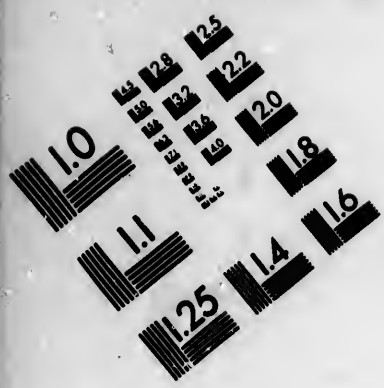

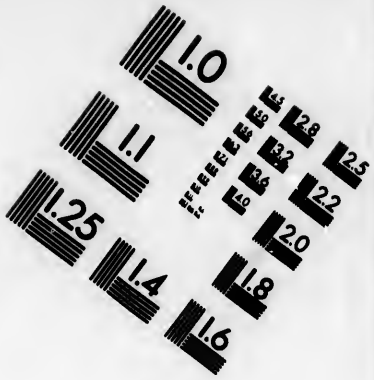

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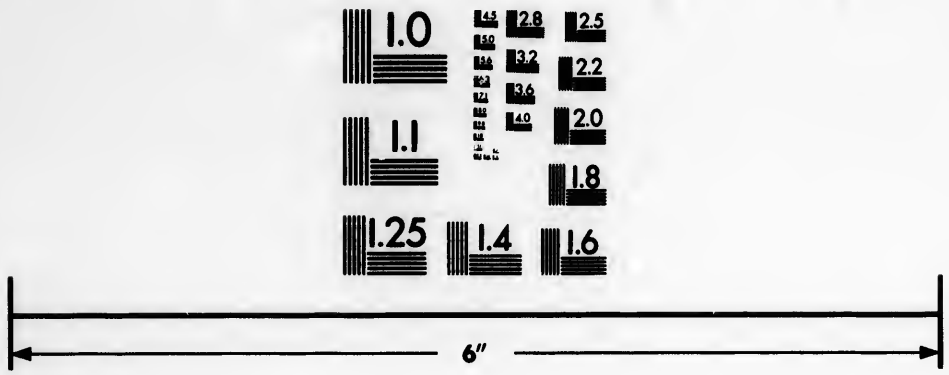

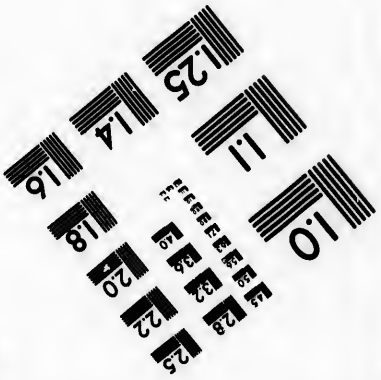

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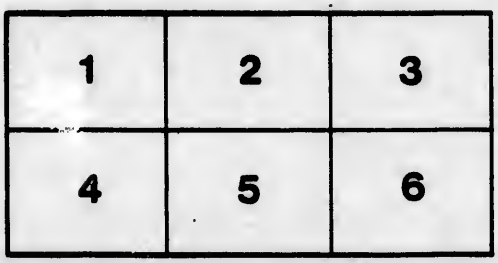

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II. The ordinary business of the Society shall consist in reading Original Papers conformable to the provisions of the preceding rule, to be followed by a discussion of the same among the Members generally; after which it shall be competent for any Member, by and with the consent of the President for the evening, to bring forward an *extempore* subject or communication, the duration of

the discussion of which shall be determined from the Chair; and the President shall always prevent the introduction of any matter repugnant to the Spirit of Christianity, and all Religious or Political controversy in papers or discussions before the Society.

All written Communications which shall be laid before the Society shall become part of its property.

III. For the first twelvemonth the number of Subscribing Members shall not exceed thirty, being contributors of one pound *per annum*, payable in advance, and no Member whose subscription is in arrear shall be allowed to vote at any of the Meetings.

Vacancies shall be filled up from Candidates who must be proposed in writing by two Members of the Society at one Meeting, and balloted for at the succeeding one; four black balls to exclude from admission.

IV. Corresponding Members are admissible in the same manner as Subscribing Members, and Communications shall be solicited from them.

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V. Nine Subscribing Members shall be necessary to form a Meeting of the Society.

VI. Meetings shall be held on the third Monday of every Month throughout the year, at King's College, (provided leave can be obtained for that purpose,) at 7 P. M.

VII. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, (the senior of whom present shall take the Chair in the absence of the President,) and a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall keep the Minutes of the Society's proceedings, and duly notify every Member of the times of meeting, and of the business then to be discussed, so far as it may be known to him; as Treasurer he shall also receive and pay all monies on behalf of the Society, and be responsible for the same.

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No Member shall be eligible to the Office of President for two years in succession.

VIII. At the Annual Meeting on the third Monday in February, after a Discourse by the President upon the proceedings of the past year, the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Society shall be audited, Subscriptions paid, new Officers elected, and arrangements made for the reading of Papers for the ensuing year.

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X. None of the above Laws shall be rescinded or altered except with the assent of three fourths of a Meeting at which not less than sixteen Members are present, and notice of any motion regarding the same, or of any new Law, must lie upon the Table for one Meeting before the subject can be entertained or discussed.

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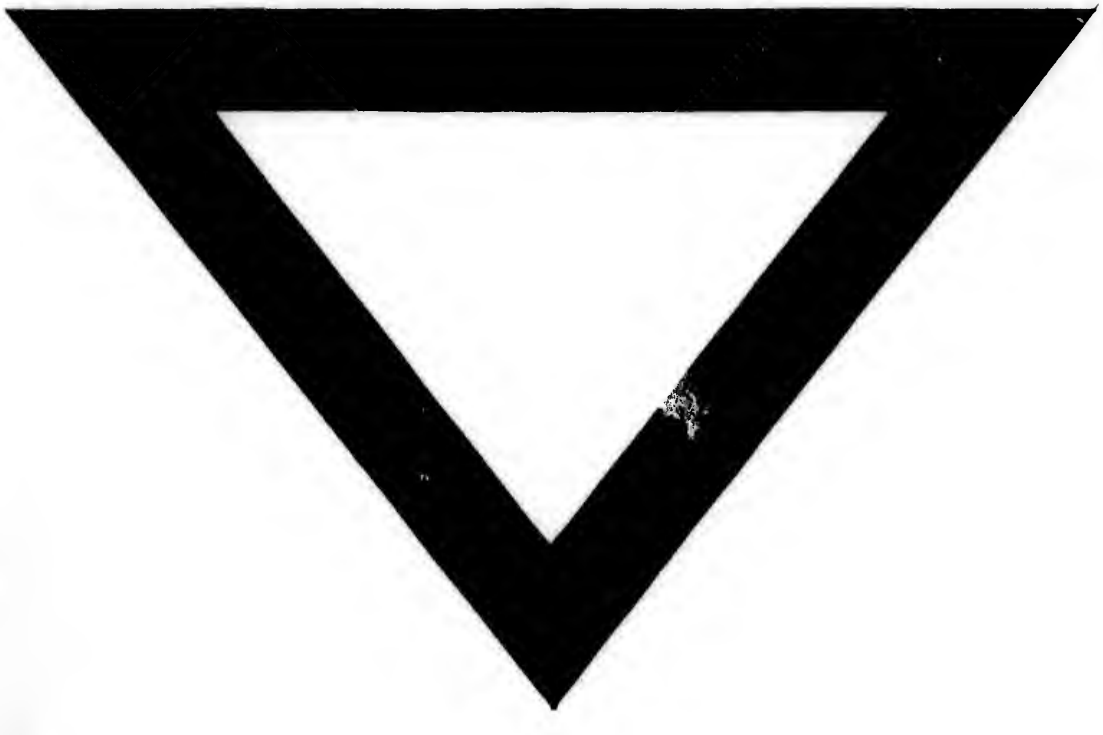
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